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SUBJECT:U.S. PROPOSAL FOR INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON
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1. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT IT NOW HAS FAIRLY COMPREHEN-
SIVE VIEW OF RESPONSES TO REQUESTS FOR SUPPORT AND CO-
SPONSORSHIP OF RESOLUTION CONTAINED IN REF B. UPDATE OF
REF. A WOULD INDICATE THAT ITALY AND ECUADOR HAVE AGREED
TO CO-SPONSOR UNCONDITIONALLY, AND VENEZUELA HAS AGREED TO
SUPPORT AND WILL CONSIDER CO-SPONSORSHIP AFTER CONSULTA-
TIONS WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS IN GENEVA. NORWAY WILL CO-
SPONSOR IF THERE IS BROAD SUPPORT. CANADA WILL LIKELY TAKE
SAME POSITION. IN BROAD STROKES, WHILE THERE ARE A FEW
COUNTRIES WITH APPARENTLY STRONG NEGATIVE FEELINGS ABOUT
RESOLUTION (MEXICO, BRAZIL, FRG AND AUSTRALIA) MOST LDC'S
SUPPORT IT IN PRINCIPLE AND WOULD CO-SPONSOR IF ACCOMPANIED
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BY OTHER LDC'S, WHILE MANY DC'S WOULD CO-SPONSOR IF BROAD

RANGE OF DC'S AND LDC'S DO SO.

2. GIVEN THIS SITUATION, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE USDEL'S CURRENT ASSESSMENT OF WHAT NEXT STEP SHOULD BE IN ORDER TO KEEP U.S. RESOLUTION INTACT TO GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE WHILE ALSO FIRING UP SUPPORT OF OTHER STATES.

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE USDEL'S JUDGMENT AS TO THE DESIRABILITY OF DEPUTY LEGAL ADVISER MARK FELDMAN'S COMING TO GENEVA IN THE WEEK OF JULY 12 TO ASSIST IN OBTAINING CO-SPONSORS FOR U.S. DRAFT RESOLUTION. IDEA WOULD BE FOR FELDMAN TO MEET WITH GROUP OF POTENTIAL CO-SPONSORS WITH OBJECTIVE OF FORMALLY INTRODUCING DRAFT RESOLUTION ON FRIDAY, JULY 16. STEPHEN BOND (L/EB) WOULD BE ARRIVING GENEVA JULY 19 TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON ISSUE. ROBINSON

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